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## MONEY FOR THE COUNCIL

Bruce Grit Outlines the Well-Directed Work of the Finance Committee and Tells How the "Sinews of War" Can and Ought to be Raised.

Albany, N. Y. Special.—The Financial Committee of the Afro-American Council is fortunate in having among its many useful and wide-awake members, such an earnest, conscientious and intelligent gentleman as Mr. Jesse Lawson, who is just now in co-operation with other members of the committee devising ways and means by which the Council will be able to establish to the satisfaction of all the opponents of the progress of the Negro, the fact that it is on earth and has a well defined purpose in being here.

The circular appeal which Mr. Lawson's committee is sending out states very clearly and concisely what that purpose is, in the following terse language: "The time is now ripe for action on the part of the Afro-American Council, to justify its right to the continued support of the people, by taking steps to meet their laudable desire to test, through the courts, the constitutional provisions in force in the state of Louisiana, whereby thousands of American citizens are unjustly denied the suffrage rights guaranteed to them by the XIVth and XVth amendments to the Constitution of the United States operative solely upon American citizens of African descent. It is not the part of free men to tamely submit to outrage against their rights, and our fine sifor citizenship will be estimated by our unity of purpose to resist by every possible means, encroachments on our rights and by our willingness to make individual sacrifice for the protection of the same." These are the salient points in this splendid appeal to the manhood and womanhood of the Negro race throughout the country, to stand up for their rights; not only to enter their protest against the infernal and devilish machinations of our enemies in the South, who receive their inspiration from the Morgans of Alabama and the Tillmans of South Carolina. But the appeal also reminds the wordy and indignant Negro, the oratorical Negro, the Negro who offers denunciatory resolutions in mass meetings condemnatory of these palpable wrongs against the race, and gets his name in the newspaper and buys three copies on trust. "That every man and woman in sympathy with the effort to bring



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The Eminently Successful Financial Secretary of the A. M. E. Connection. His Election to the Bishopric by the Columbus General Conference Universally Consented.

before the courts the question of the validity of the constitutional provisions of the state of Louisiana in regard to suffrage, is expected to make a liberal contribution of money for that purpose, "and to induce others to do likewise." This is the substance of the appeal, and it is so clear and so plain, so direct and practical that a diagram is unnecessary for its further elucidation. The headquarters of the committee is at 2011 Vermont avenue, northwest, Washington, D. C. and there is room enough there to store all the money that the public spirited and patriotic Negroes of the country who are really anxious to fight the devil of oppression, may send there for the next 365 days. If the ministers of every denomination, whose churches are supported by the people, throughout the country, would set apart one Sunday to lift a collection to aid the Council in making the fight of its life, a very generous sum could be

raised by this method, but the average Negro preacher has so many other collections to raise in his church that he really hasn't time to be patriotic, and self-sacrificing. That isn't his business.

Every Negro society should tax its members from 5 to 25 cents, and send the collection to the Finance Committee of the Council. Sunday school and day school children ought to be asked to give a penny apiece to a popular subscription to be used in securing to them and their posterity the blessings of "freedom and civil and political liberty." We have got to fight this battle of "Rights" ourselves, and we've got to furnish the sinews of war. We can win it in a canter if we get together with our brains and cash, and make up our minds to put down scoundrelism and thugism wherever it exists and

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## THE BLACK MAN'S BURDEN

Dr. Magee's Good Work—Prof. B. T. Washington Makes a Telling Speech in Chicago General News Notes

Chicago, Ill., special.—The petition which was presented to the Senate last Tuesday by Senator Cullom, was the petition which was prepared and circulated by the "Black Man's Burden Association," of which Dr. J. H. Magee is president and W. G. Anderson, Esq., secretary. This Association is being early incorporated under the laws of this State, and is largely the result of the labor of its president. Dr. Magee has travelled far and near, and lectured constantly, telling of the aim and purpose of the "Black Man's Burden Association." It was under his direction that the petitions were circulated, and finally gathered together and bound in handsome cover. Dr. Magee tells me that in this work, he has had the assistance of a large number of persons, to whom he desires that full credit be given. And particularly he wants to thank Senator Cullom and Senator Hoar for their statements that new legislation can be effected. Later I shall give history of this effort in more detail.

Last Sunday afternoon, Bethel church was crowded as it has never been before, with a throng of people who had come to hear Booker T. Washington talk. It was of little consequence that he was to talk about "Fraternal Insurance" under the auspices of the "United Brotherhood," a new business venture, launched here within the last month. It was a wild desire to see the most talked of, most influential and most remarkable Negro of the day. It was a flattering recognition of Mr. Washington's place in the hearts of the people. The speech that Mr. Washington delivered was a splendid effort. The words that he uttered were brave, strong words, and were calculated to be stir his hearers to greater deeds of industry, thrift and economy. And withal, it was just the speech that was needed to correct many false ideas and misunderstandings that the people had had concerning the great educator. The daily press gave splendid accounts of the meeting, which has been the main topic of talk about town this week.

When Rev. R. C. Ransom, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, of this city,

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